



IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: McIntosh, et al

Serial No.: 09/807,810

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For: Uses of Fibroblasts or Supernatants from Fibroblasts for the Suppression
of Immune Responses in Transplantation

Group: 1644

Examiner: Ewoldt

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004.

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supernatant from an isolated fibroblast culture, in order to induce a reduced immune response against donor tissue, to reduce an immune response against recipient tissue by donor tissue, or to treat a transplant recipient for graft versus host disease. Because the combination of Soiffer and Donnelly does not even remotely suggest Applicants' claimed methods to one of ordinary skill in the art, the combination of Soiffer and Donnelly fails to meet the standard for obviousness set by 35 U.S.C. 103. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

For the above reasons and others, this application is in condition for allowance, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and a favorable action is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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